Industries has also prepared a draft National Food Processing Policy, which is expected to contribute in creating an enabling environment for this sector.

Rail Over Bridges at Changsari and Rangia

*474. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to build two overbridges at the rail crossings on National Highway No. 31, one between Changsari and Amingaon and the other at Rangia Town; and

(b) if so, by when Government would decided to build the overbridges?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Both works were sanctioned in Railways Budget on cost sharing basis. However, the work is now included in the East-West Corridors Programme of National Highways Development Project.

Increase in Fish Production

†*475. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that fish production in the country has increased as a result of technical improvement in the trawlers;

(b) whether it is also a fact that poor fishermen are not getting the benefit of this technical improvement: and

(c) if so, the facilities available in Orissa, Kerala, Maharashtra, West Bengal and Andhra Pradesh for modernisation of trawlers and the percentage of trawlers modernised in these States?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) to (c) Technical up-gradation of fishing vessels has increased the per unit catch per vessel. Traditional fishermen are getting the benefit of technical improvement through motorisation of their traditional craft with Out-Board Motor (OBM) and In-Board Motor (IBM), which enable them to bring an average additional fish catch of about one tonne per craft per annum in prime condition. There are a number of schemes for the benefit of poor fishermen under implementation

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.